

**Remarks/Arguments**

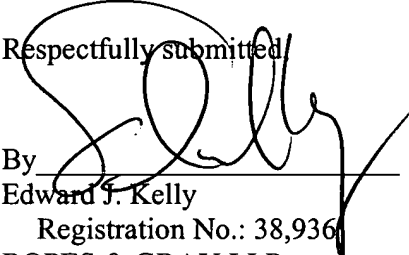
The response herein is in furtherance of prosecution for the above-identified application and responds to the Office Action mailed 1 August 2003.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. VHSE-P01-002 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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